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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMSPEC ELLIOTT CARTER

REF : A) STATE 228690, B) STATE 194157, C) BUCHAREST 4906

1. BELGRADE SHARES BUCHAREST'S CONCERN ABOUT CHANGE IN DATES CARTER VISIT. ON RECEIPT 228690 POST CONTACTED LOCAL SPONSOR CARTER VISIT TO DISCUSS PROJECT IN LIGHT OF NEW DATES. UNFORTUNATELY, N 1-5 PERIOD WILL POSE CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES IN BELGRADE. VIRTUALLY ALL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED OR INTERESTED IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC WILL BE ENGAGED IN PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING LEAGUE OF YUGOSLAV COMPOSERS WHICH BEGINS NOVEMBER 5 IN OPATIJA.

2. MUSIC DIRECTOR BELGRADE STUDENT CULTURAL CENTER HAS GONE TO CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO ARRANGE ALL CARTER PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 19, A DATE SELECTED ONLY WHEN POST RECEIVED REFTEL B, AND AFTER COORDINATION WITH BUCHAREST. IMPOSSIBLE CHANGE CONCERT DATES NOW AS PERFORMERS UNWILLING PLAY DIFFICULT PROGRAM WITHOUT ADEQUATE REHEARSAL. FURTHER COMPLICATION IS FACT THAT CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR LIVE BROADCAST RADIO BELGRADE. POST SEES NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE BUT TO SUPPORT NOVEMBER 19 CONCERT WITH OR WITHOUT CARTER.

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3. IF NOVEMBER 1-5 ONLY DATES AVAILABLE BELGRADE, SUGGEST
DEPARTMENT ASK CARTER IF HE INTERESTED ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING
LEAGUE YUGOSLAV COMPOSERS IN OPATIJA NOV 5. MEETING WILL
FEATURE PERFORMANCES NEW WORKS BY YUGOSLAV COMPOSERS AND
CARTER WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET ARTISTS AND
ATTEND PERFORMANCES. AS ONLY WORKS YUGOSLAV COMPOSERS WILL
BE PRESENTED AT MEETING NO POSSIBILITY TO PRESENT CARTER
PROGRAM DURING MEETING.

4. ALTHOUGH BELGRADE WILLING ACCEPT NEW DATES PROPOSED
REFTEL A, FEEL PROGRAM VALUE VISIT CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED
IF TRIP LIMITED TO APPEARANCE OPATIJA MEETING. REQUEST IF
POSSIBLE ORIGINAL DATES BE REINSTATED AND POST INFORMED
DEPARTMENT'S DECISION BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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